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Paul Collier is the Director of the Development Research Group at the World Bank. He is currently on leave from Oxford University where he is one of six full professors of economics, and the Director of the Centre for the Study of African Economies. Dr. Collier is founding editor of the *Journal of African Economies* and a Fellow of the Center for Economic Policy Research.

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investment in general and on infrastructure in particular, with an emphasis on bureaucratic reform.

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Paul Zak is Co-chair of the Claremont University's Department of Economics. A rising star in the study of the dynamic feedbacks between social, political, and economic institutions during the process of economic development, Professor Zak has published extensively on these topics. In particular, he has focused on the evolution of the distribution of human capital and the incidence of conflict.

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